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Gold Leader Club

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I cannot help but be excited about how the year has started off. People have volunteered to get involved. There are many things on the horizon concerning our sport. The FAA rules are probable the biggest issue on everyone's mind. I hope a lot of you joined in on the recent webinar by District IX concerning this issue. There are a lot of questions and concerns. I also hope everyone sent off a message to your congressional representatives; if not do so now. The AMA website makes it so easy and you can modify there letter to say what you want to say. Those without internet will find the latest issue of MA helpful.

I recently sent out an e-mail about the up-coming Metro Area Counsel Meeting and the information on the education programs. As of this letter, I have not had one individual say they will attend. Personally, I have grand kids that I would love to see get involved with the sport and with aviation in general. These programs do that and more. They are designed to aid teachers in the areas like math, problem solving, and physical sciences. The program is not to have us directly involved in the teaching but to lend support to teachers who want to get involved in the program. I look forward to learning more.

Along the same lines I was approached by a representative of the Civil Air Patrol that is based out of "Wings Over the Rockies Museum" about doing something with them in the future. I was told they do a build an airplane project but I do not think it is a flying model. I will be in touch with them sometime this month. I want to thank all of the club members who helped out at the expo and made it a success. We had a couple of people who were really interested in our club and took applications with them; so we may even pick up a member or two from this years efforts.

We currently have three projects in the planning stages. In addition to these, I would like to have some type of club activity at the airfield each month. Everyone seemed to enjoy what we did last year and so I have placed them on the calendar for this year. The calendar will be at the meeting for review and we can change, add, delete or modify it then. After the meeting, I will finalize and post it on the website.

Two of the projects are around IMAC. The focus is more on exposure to IMAC and providing a venue for becoming a better pilot than on the competition. Approval to hold another clinic was granted at the last club meeting. Planning is being headed up by Dave Kelley and is being finalized now, and the details will be presented at this months meeting.

A second group, headed up by Steve Graham is planning for an IMAC Event. Tentative plans are for the first weekend in August. Again, they are well along in doing the planning and are working towards finalizing their plans presenting them at this months meeting for club approval. What I have seen appears to be a well thought out plan and takes into account, as much as possible, what is in the best interest of the club. —> Next Page

Upcoming meetings and events

Meeting March 24th

Meeting April 28th

The third is a celebration of being at Fisher Field for twenty-five years. George Kerr has graciously stepped up to help on this one. I know he could use some help in putting this together. I think it would be great to have as many old timers and models of circa 1975 as possible for this. A couple of other ideas around this would be, opening the field to others to join us that weekend with no landing fees, or possibly working in a silent auction with at least a portion of the profits going to some charity (McDonald House, Special Olympics, Veterans Assistance, Children's Hospital, etc.). If you have any other ideas, comments, or want to help out, contact George.

You can see we have some things going and the board is going to be working on the continued revision of the Constitution and By-laws at its meeting this month.

I would like to see as many members as possible make this meeting. You can see it will be a busy one and I will give a report on the Denver Area Council Meeting.

SPRING IS COMING ---REALLY IT WILL

Larry

February Meeting Minutes

February Meeting Notes

First off, everyone thank Larry Ott, Dave Hogan, and Steve Graham for volunteering to be the club's Safety Officers! It's not a fun job, so everyone make sure and let them that you appreciate it. Also, if one of them reminds you that something you're doing isn't safe, remember that they're doing it to make sure nobody gets hurt.

Larry Ott has put together some kits for some combat planes. If you haven't seen these fly, talk to Larry and go watch some day. They fly really well and if there are enough people interested, we can have some combat flights this summer. See Larry if you're interested in getting a kit.

Larry L. is working on the calendar for the year. He has tentatively going to put last year's events in it. If you have ideas for something to do or would like to see done different, talk to Larry L.

We need a volunteer to run the Christmas party. Yes, it's early to be thinking of this, but the more planning you do, the better the event turns out. Maybe this early in the process the planning is thinking of ideas on where to hold the event and what to do during it.

We also need a volunteer to run the event for the 25th anniversary of the field. MAS Field was officially dedicated 25 years ago. This year we could have party or fun-fly or something. Maybe even invite other clubs? Larry has July 23rd as a tentative date for this event.



The gate code will change on March 29th! If you haven't paid your dues by then, you will not get the new combination and you will no longer receive club correspondence. The new code will be sent via email and paper copies will be mailed to those without email.

As of this writing, we only have 46 members. That's down 30 from last year. I'm sure people have their reasons, but if you want to continue being a member of MAS, please send in your dues.

Larry got a recommendation that the Board go through the proposed changes to the MAS constitution and by-Laws and present them at the March meeting. That's what we'll do.

By the time you get this, the Wings over the Rockies Museum show will have already happened. there will be more details in the next newsletter, but from early reports, the event was a success. For those of you keeping track, this was the first Work Bond event of the year. There are already 12 members who have completed their obligations for 2011.

Larry has list of projects for a spring cleanup Work Party. This is scheduled for April 16th with a weather date of April 23rd. Not the beleaguer the point, but this is a Work Bond event. Larry's thoughts on what needs to be done:

- Replace plastic fencing . Earl is researching cost. Tennis court netting could be used as a substitute (UV protected)
- Foam replacement.
- Weed the parking lot.
- Plant grass seed. Larry has it from last year. Need hauling equipment to get it there.
- Fill prairie dog holes.
- Road drainage by the gate. Clean-out the cattle guard.
- Wind sock repair.
- Change oil in the mower. Bob S. has volunteered to do that.
- Shed needs painting.
- Post AMA Rules poster.
- Fix club logo sign. Larry will get vinyl logo.



Lee brought-up the AMA's plea to send letter to congress about the proposed FAA rules changes. If you don't know about this, please go to <http://modelaircraft.org/aboutama/gov.aspx> and read about it. The AMA is asking that we all send in a letter to our representatives. They have one online that automatically gets sent to your senators and district congressman. Please send in yours; the more we send, the bigger deal this becomes.

George brought a flyer for the upcoming Mile-Hi fly-in. Its on May 21st. \$20 landing fee. See their new field. Talk to George for details. He's the CD.

Sean and Larry did a lot with the website recently. Larry has learned what he needs to do to update the site. That means more changes are coming to the site more often. Related to this, Sean has a video on the site detailing how to post. This video is in the members only section.

There was a discussion about the Adams County Fair: do we want to do it again this year?

The Pro's:

Exposure to community.

Press for Kids Day

The Con's:

We don't get any new members from it.

The political collateral we used to get is gone. Our benefactors are no longer in office.

\$340 for the booth.

Lee thinks that in a few years we could get paving again. Not for a few years though. Bob wants to keep us in view of Commissioners. Personally, I don't think it's worth the money or the effort that the club puts out, but I understand that some people enjoy doing it. There was a motion to do it again this year and see how it goes. That motion passed. Dennis will try to get forms from the county (they haven't mentioned anything to us)

Larry talked about his desire to do a charity event this year. Something similar to Grace Wanderers or Kids Day. He's open to ideas. If you have something in mind, talk to him.

On March 12th, there is an AMA District IX council meeting. There will be a presentation on outreach programs. Each club in attendance will receive a kit to go to a local school. Larry would like to see us do that. It's at 8:30am at County Buffet (on Wadsworth) Talk to Larry for specifics.

Everyone gave a formal thank you to Sean for doing the website.

The meeting wrapped-up with Larry L. winning the fuel drawing.



HISTORIC AVIATION

History: The Thunderbolt was the most famous of all the Republic aircraft in WWII. First flown on 6 May 1941, the P-47 was designed as a (then) large, high-performance fighter/bomber, utilizing the large Pratt and Whitney R-2800 Double Wasp engine to give it excellent performance and a large load-carrying capability. The first deliveries of the P-47 took place in June 1942, when the US Army Air Corps began flying it in the European Theater.

Though it was an excellent airplane, several improvements were made as production continued, with each improvement adding power, maneuverability and range. As the war progressed, the Thunderbolt, or "Jug," as it was affectionately called, gained a reputation as a reliable and extremely tough airplane, able to take incredible amounts of damage and still return its pilot home safely. P-47s logged almost 2 million flight hours during the war, during which they were responsible for the destruction of over 7,000 enemy aircraft in the air and on the ground in the European Theater alone.

Later in the war, Jugs served as escort fighters for B-29 bombers in the Pacific. Mostly, though, they excelled in the ground-attack role, strafing and bombing their way across the battlefields of Europe. Early versions, up through the **P-47C**, had "razorback" fuselages, but the popular **P-47D** featured a bubble canopy which gave the pilot increased rearward visibility.

P-47s were also used during the war by the air forces of Brazil, England, France, Mexico and the Soviet Union. Following the war, the Jug served for nine more years in the US, flown by the Air National Guard. It continued to serve for many additional years with the air forces of over 15 nations around the world.

Nicknames: *Jug; T-Bolt*

Specifications (P-47D):

Engine: 2535hp Pratt & Whitney R-2800-59W Double Wasp radial piston engine

Weight: Empty 9,950 lbs., Maximum Takeoff 17,500 lbs.

Wing Span: 40ft. 9.25in.

Length: 36ft. 1.75in.

Height: 14ft. 8in.

Performance:

Maximum Speed: 433 mph

Ceiling: 41,000 ft.

Range: 1900 miles with drop tanks

Armament:

Eight 12.7mm (0.5 in.) wing-mounted machine guns

Up to 2500 lbs. of externally-mounted bombs, rockets, or other free-fall ordnance



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Serving the Northeast Denver Area the Miniature Aero Sportsters flying site sits on 48 acres with a 500 foot paved runway. The club is open to all who have a current AMA membership. The Miniature Aero Sportsters consists of a group of individuals with a common interest in radio control aircraft. Club meetings are on the 4th Thursday of the month at Gander Mountain Sporting Goods located at 9923 Grant Street Thornton , CO. Meetings start promptly at 7:00 pm. All M.A.S. club members are encouraged to attend meetings, and to become actively involved in the club's activities

The first year there is a once a lifetime \$125 initiation fee charged to all new members. Every year after that Annual membership dues are \$90.

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